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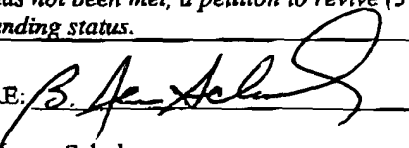
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Customized FORM PTO-1390		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. P07370US00/BAS	
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37CFR 1.5) 09/937,338	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/GB00/00942		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 15 March 2000		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 24 March 1999	
TITLE OF INVENTION: FORMATION, PROCESSING, TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE OF HYDRATES					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: BROWN et al.					
Applicant herewith submits to the US Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371. 3. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Art. 22 and 39(1). 4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Appln. under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371 (c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments had NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made. 8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. A translation of the annexes to the Int'l Prelim. Exam. Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 					
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12. An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.					
<input type="checkbox"/> 13. A First preliminary amendment.					
<input type="checkbox"/> 14. A Second or Subsequent preliminary amendment.					
<input type="checkbox"/> 15. A substitute specification.					
<input type="checkbox"/> 16. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.					
<input type="checkbox"/> 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 & 35 USC 1.821-825.					
<input type="checkbox"/> 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).					
<input type="checkbox"/> 19. A second copy of the English translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).					
<input type="checkbox"/> 20. Other items or information:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith, and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized in 17(c).					
Date: 20 December 2001					

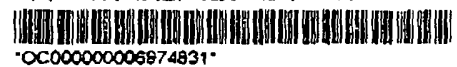
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21. The following fees are submitted: Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1)-(5): Neither Int'l Prelim. Exam. fee nor Int'l Search fee paid to USPTO \$1040 Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO \$ 890 No Int'l Prelim. Ex. fee paid to USPTO but Int'l Search fee paid to USPTO \$ 740 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO \$ 710 Int'l Prelim. Ex. fee paid to USPTO & all claims satisfied PCT Art. 33(1)-(4) \$ 100 ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = \$				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [] 20 mos. from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). [] 30 mos. +				\$ 130.00	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	- 20 =		X \$18 =	\$	
Independent Claims	- 03 =		X \$84 =	\$	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$280 =	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 130.00	
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				-	
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 130.00	
Processing fee of \$130 for furnishing the English translation later than [] 20 mos. from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). [] 30 mos. +				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 130.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property				+ \$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 170.00	
Amount to be				Refunded	\$
				Charged	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. A check in the amount of \$170.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 12-0555 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.					
Note: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: B. Aaron Schulman At the address (below) of CUSTOMER NO. 000881. LARSON & TAYLOR, PLC 1199 NORTH FAIRFAX ST. SUITE 900 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314			SIGNATURE:  NAME: B. Aaron Schulman REG. NO.: 31,877 PHONE NO.: 703-739-4900 Date: 20 December 2001		

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the

provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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